Proposed Rule Amendment: §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements

Summary of Amendment: The amendment is proposed in order to delete references to the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) as a board approved organization for evaluating and approving continuing competence activities pending awarding of a contract/agreement through a Request for Proposal (RFP) bidding process.

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(a) - (h) No change.

[(i) Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the board, the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) shall act as a board-approved organization and shall be authorized to accredit providers and to evaluate and approve continuing competence activities for purposes of compliance with mandatory CC requirements as set by the board. This authority shall include authority to give, deny, withdraw and limit accreditation of providers and approval of competence activities, and to charge and collect fees as set forth in the MOU and in the statute and rules governing the board and the practice of physical therapy in Texas.

- (1) A program may be approved before or after the licensee attends it, but must be approved prior to license renewal.
- (2) To apply for continuing competence review, the licensee or sponsor/provider must submit a fee as approved by the board with the CC review application and any additional documentation as specified in this section to the TPTA. Interested parties may contact the TPTA in Austin, Texas, (512) 477-1818, www.tpta.org.
 - (A) Accredited providers and course sponsors are authorized to use the following statements to notify licensees of approval.
 - (i) Sponsors of approved activities.
 - (I) The following statement is authorized for use in publicity: "This activity has been approved by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for _____ CCUs for PTs and PTAs."
 - (II) The following statement is authorized for use on certificates of completion only: "This activity has been approved by the Texas Board of Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners March 2018 21 Physical Therapy Examiners, approval #_____, for ____ CCUs for PTs and PTAs."
 - (ii) Accredited providers.
 - (I) The following statement is authorized for use in publicity: "This activity is offered by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Accredited Provider #_____ and provides _____CCUs for PTs and PTAs licensed in Texas."
 - (II) The following statement is authorized for use on certificates of completion only: "This activity is offered by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Accredited Provider #_____ and provides _____CCUs for PTs and PTAs licensed in Texas."
 - (B) Sponsors of activities that have not received an approval number from the TPTA are not authorized to include a statement implying pending or future approval of that activity by the board. (C) A course is approved only for the accredited provider offering the course or the sponsor submitting it for approval. Course approval may not be transferred from one provider or sponsor to another.
- (3) Interested parties may contact the TPTA to inquire if a particular activity is approved. A list of approved activities is available on the TPTA web site.
- (4) Pursuant to the MOU, the TPTA shall provide quarterly reports to the board of its activities. Additionally, the TPTA shall report to the board the results of periodic quality assurance follow-up or review of a representative sample of approved continuing competence activities. In the event of sponsor/provider noncompliance, results will be reported to the board in writing for further investigation and direction.]